



National Guard Soldier Awards Banquet

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Friday, October 22, 2010

I'm honored to be with you -- America's heroes -- ARIZONA'S heroes.

Love of country, love of state, are reflected in the uniforms you wear.

Your courage and commitment -- and the support of your families -- AND your employers -- are for all to see here this evening.

I know that support is something you treasure.

It is something that is key to the Guard's enduring success.

As citizen soldiers, you're standing ready to defend us.

And, I'm here this evening to let you know how much your service is appreciated, and what it means to the citizens of Arizona.

I'm also here this evening to help you celebrate:

- the Most Outstanding Soldier
- Non-Commissioned Officer
- First Sergeant
- Junior Officer
- and Warrant Officer of the Year for the 2010 Training Year.

All of you are a blessing for our state and nation.

You blend together your jobs -- your private lives -- and the defense of our country -- with focus and sacrifice that inspires us all.

I recognize that "We All Serve" is the theme of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and whether serving our communities or our country, members of the Arizona National Guard depend on their military units, families and employers for

support, and Family and Employers Support the Guard is a vital part of your strength.

I won't intrude further on an evening that belongs to you, other than to say, God bless you, your employers and your families, God bless the United States of America, and God bless the Arizona National Guard -- "Always Ready, Always There!"

Thank you.